

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 1-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously Presented) An information presentation apparatus comprising:

user operation input unit, adapted to input an operation of a user;

user viewpoint position and orientation measurement unit, adapted to measure a position and orientation of a user's viewpoint;

model data storage unit, adapted to store virtual world model data, real world model data, and data necessary to generate a virtual world image;

annotation data storage unit, adapted to store data necessary to be added to a real world and a virtual world and then displayed;

virtual image generation unit, adapted to generate an image of the virtual world by using information in said user viewpoint position and orientation measurement unit, said model data storage unit and said annotation data storage unit;

user viewpoint image input unit, adapted to capture an image of the real world viewed from the user's viewpoint; and

image display unit, adapted to display an image obtained by synthesizing the image generated by said virtual image generation unit and the image obtained by said user viewpoint image input unit, on an image display device of the user, wherein said virtual image generation unit draws the information stored in said model data storage unit from the user's viewpoint in computer graphics to generate the image of the virtual world viewed from the user's viewpoint, by using the position and orientation information at the user's viewpoint obtained from said user viewpoint position and orientation measurement unit, and wherein said virtual image generation unit has a function to generate an annotation indicating information of a target that the user pays attention to, in a state that its attributes of a color, a shape and a character type have been different from those of other annotation.

Claims 20-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

- inputting viewpoint information of a user;
- generating a virtual world image according to the viewpoint information, by using previously held virtual world data;
- generating an annotation concerning an attention target; and

generating an image obtained by synthesizing an image of a real world, generated virtual world image and the generated annotation, wherein an annotation indicating whether or not the attention target is being observed by other user is generated and merged to the synthesized image.

Claims 26 and 27. (Cancelled).